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Message from the Mayor

As I begin my 13th year as Mayor of Florence, I would like to start by thanking you for the support and confidence you have given me during the years I have served you. I want to assure you of my continued commitment to keeping my hometown a great place for you to live, work, play and raise a family. I hope you find the contents of this magazine helpful as you read and discover all that Florence has to offer.

This past year continued to present many economic and financial challenges. In the end, 2010 proved to be a year when the economy slowly improved as we all inched our way through one of the most difficult financial times in memory. The members of City Council and I worked hard to adjust expenditures in response to economic conditions while continuing to provide a high level of service and maintaining a low property tax rate.

Even during the challenging economic times of the past year, Florence was fortunate to enjoy a number of economic development success stories. Gov. Steve Beshear was our special guest as the city broke ground on the first phase of the Mall Road reconstruction project in May 2010.

Last year, ZF Steering Systems announced its intention for a major expansion of its Spiral Drive facility.

Construction continued and was completed near the end of 2010 on the former YMCA property at 212 Main St., resulting in a senior living campus called Ethos on Main.

Several new dining opportunities arrived in Florence during the past year, including J. Gumbo's, City Barbeque, Chili's Restaurant and a new Barleycorn's.



Diane E. Whalen
Mayor of Florence

The long-awaited improvements to the city-owned World of Golf (formerly World of Sports) complex began during the spring of 2010.

The pages that follow provide more information on city programs and parks and recreational opportunities. We hope you will take full advantage of all the city has to offer. If you are a new resident or just want to know more

about Florence, information packets are available at the city building. You can stop by, call us at (859) 647-8177 or check for information or updates on our website at www.florence-ky.gov.

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City Council Monthly Meeting Schedule

Meetings start at 7 p.m. at the Florence Government Center unless otherwise noted.

1st Tuesday	Council Caucus
2nd Tuesday	Regular Business Meeting
2nd Wednesday	Florence Planning & Zoning Committee at 9 a.m.
3rd Tuesday	Council Caucus
4th Tuesday	Regular Business Meeting

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The Government Center is home to the offices of public officials. City Council meetings are held weekly on the ground floor. Attractions on the campus include the Boone County Veterans Memorial, the Florence Family Aquatic Center and the Florence/Boone County Skate Park. A .93-mile walking/bike trail surrounds the complex.

Boone County Veterans Memorial

Florence Government Center Campus

This memorial was built in 1998 through community donations. The city conducts its Memorial Day program here.

Maintenance Facilities

7850 Tanners Lane

The Public Services Department houses the mechanics, street, water, sewer, building and ground maintenance crews. This is also the location of the city's clean-up programs and where residents may drop off items for recycling.

Fire Stations

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Places to Play

Take in a game, catch a movie or watch the horses run



Take in one of the Florence Freedom's 48 home games this season. The team was rated the best local attraction for families.

Florence residents can enjoy affordable, family-friendly entertainment options close to home, and the nearby city of Cincinnati also offers national sports teams and cultural attractions.

The Florence Freedom

What better way to spend a summer's evening than watching baseball in the open air? From May to September, fans can enjoy those moments watching Florence's minor league team, the Florence Freedom.

The Freedom compete in the independent, 12-team Frontier League and host 48 games each season.

The organization won the award for Best Family Friendly local attraction last year in an annual survey by Northern

Kentucky University. It earns that distinction by offering non-stop fun at affordable prices, including dollar concession menus, free parking and tickets for \$10 or less.

The team takes fan appreciation to a new level, with promotions throughout the week. On Sundays, kids can run the bases and get players' autographs following the game. On Wednesdays, the team partners with Xavier University's College of Science, Health and Education to encourage reading by offering free admission to students who read a certain number of books.

Thirsty Thursdays feature \$1 beer and Pepsi products. On Fridays, Rozzi's



Fireworks dazzles the crowd with the minor leagues' best fireworks show. On Saturday, fans can mingle with Freedom players after the game during Party in the Park and dance the night away to music from a live band.

Season tickets for the 2011 summer season are currently on sale, and individual tickets will be available to purchase in spring 2011. Call (859) 594-4487 or visit www.FlorenceFreedom.com for details.



Turfway Park is fast-paced fun, with free admission on most days.

Turfway Park

Kentucky's thoroughbred heritage runs strong at Turfway Park on Turfway Road, where guests can enjoy live racing in the fall, winter and early spring. The park's banner springtime event is the \$500,000 Grade III Vinery Racing Spiral Stakes. Formerly the Lane's End Stakes, it is

a major Kentucky Derby prep race which draws crowds to its annual parties and festivities.

Turfway also simulcasts races from top tracks all over the country throughout the year.

Casual dining is available at the Homestretch bar and restaurant, trackside on the first floor. Several concession stands offer a variety of food and drink. Private areas can be reserved for groups and parties. Admission is free every day except

during the Vinery Racing Spiral Stakes, and parking is always free.

Movie Theaters

Adjacent to Florence Mall, Rave Motion Pictures offers a state-of-the-art 14 screen theater with 2,700 stadium-style seats, digital projection and Dolby surround sound.

The theater also offers pay-per-view of concerts, opera and ballet. Guests can enjoy meals, snacks or cocktails at the cafe and lounge.

The Danbarry Dollar Saver Cinemas, located next to Turfway Park, features new releases or second-run movies for just \$3 and free refills on large popcorn and soda purchases, making it a bargain for a family outing.

Fun for Little Ones

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Pleasing the Palate

Culinary choices are plentiful



Yesterday's Cafe and Tea Room is a quaint destination, located in a former carriage house.

Florence boasts a well-rounded dining scene, from upscale Asian fare to homey American classics. Diners will find many familiar restaurants interspersed with high-quality, locally owned eateries. Whether it's a quick pick-me-up while shopping or a celebration with family and friends, you're sure to find the perfect place to suit your taste.

Coffee and Nibbles

After a stroll through Florence's historic Main Street district, take a leisurely break at **Yesterday's Café and Tea Room**. Yesterday's offers a variety of coffees and teas, as well as traditional bites such as salads and scones with clotted cream — all served on antique china. Children's teas and Sunday brunch are also available. Located in a quaint, historic carriage house, the café hosts a small gift boutique upstairs filled with tea-related items.

For a fast refuel, grab a latte or smoothie at the drive-through window at **Jet Coffee**, 8203 U.S. 42, or stop by the full-service **Starbucks**, 7905 Mall Road, across from Florence Mall.

Taste of Asia

Florence has been a well-spring of authentic Japanese restaurants, including **Miyoshi Japanese Restaurant**, 8660 Bankers St. off Houston Road. Miyoshi's menu is filled with traditional delicacies, as well as extensive sushi offerings. Groups of eight or more may reserve the tatami-style "Japanese room," where diners sit on pillows on the floor.

Matsuya, 7149 Manderlay Drive off Dixie Highway, is a restaurant with a Japanese market next door. Open for lunch and dinner, it features authentic cuisine, a full sushi bar and a tatami-style room for larger groups.

Fuji Steakhouse, 7687 Mall Road, draws crowds with its hibachi grill and half-price sushi every Tuesday night.

Mai Thai, 7710 U.S. 42, offers a range of Thai dishes as well as sushi.

Classic American Fare

With 36 televisions, a hearty menu and ice-cold beer, **Shakey's Pub and Grub** at 7718 U.S. 42 is an ideal place to grab a burger and watch the game. The pub hosts many community events, and the fun, eclectic atmosphere keeps customers coming back.

Another favorite gathering spot is **314 Café**, 7704 Dixie Highway. The café offers menu favorites such as the "R.C. burger" and gravy cheese fries, as well as a Sunday brunch buffet.

Home-style dishes draw many regulars to **Stringtown Bar and Grill** at 255 Main Street. Other popular destinations include **Barleycorn's**, off U.S. 42 near Pleasant

Valley Road, and **O'Charley's**, **Rafferty's Restaurant and Bar** and **Applebee's**, all on Turfway Road.

Business Meeting

Bistro 737 in the Hilton Cincinnati Airport on Turfway Road offers traditional entrees with contemporary flavor, including steaks, seafood pasta and baby back ribs. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, the restaurant is an attractive option for an early meeting or an evening on the town.

Familiar Favorites

Many popular restaurants are located in the Florence area. Diners looking for Cajun and Creole cuisine will enjoy the recently opened **J. Gumbo's**, 7651 Mall Road. For Italian fare, there's **Olive Garden**, located right next to Florence Mall and Rave Motion Pictures, and **Karlo's Bistro Italia**, 4911 Houston Road.

A newly opened **Chili's** on Houston Road offers a touch of Tex Mex. Other favorite spots nearby include **Famous Dave's Barbecue** on Houston Road, **Bob Evans**, **Cheddar's Casual Café**, **Cracker Barrel**, **City Barbecue**, **Chick-fil-A** and **Panera**.



The Miyoshi Japanese Restaurant has an extensive sushi menu as well as other authentic cuisine.

Retail Options Abound

Florence is region's shopping hub



Florence Mall is the largest indoor shopping mall in Northern Kentucky, with retail options including department, furniture and electronics stores.

Shopping in Florence is even more inviting with completion of phase 1 of the Mall Road improvements over the past year. At the heart of the state's largest retail district is **Florence Mall**, which is surrounded by retail and dining options. Built in 1976, the mall secured a place in the city's history as the attraction that inspired the now-famous "Florence Y'all" water tower. It remains the largest indoor shopping mall in Northern Kentucky.

Here, you can browse 130 specialty stores, anchored by **JCPenney**, **Macy's**, **Macy's Home** and **Sears**. Find the latest fashions at **H&M**, **Abercrombie & Fitch**, **Aeropostale**, **Gap** or many more clothiers, such as **Victoria's Secret** and **Forever 21**. Check out the newest high-tech gadgetry at **Game Stop** or enjoy time-honored workmanship at **Handcrafted Amish Furniture**.

Treat the kids to **Build-A-Bear Workshop**, where they're sure to find something to treasure. Then let them enjoy some active fun climbing on the newly remodeled Playland or riding one of the colorful animals on the unique double-decker carousel. When you're

ready for a break, the 12-unit food court offers many dining options.

With more than 4 million square feet of retail space along Mall Road and Houston Road, shopping opportunities extend far beyond the mall.

Mall Road is home to restaurants and retailers of every variety, includ-

ing national chains such as **Toys "R" Us**, 7960 Connector Drive; **Old Navy** located in Florence Square, 7719 Mall Road; **Barnes & Noble**, 7763 Mall Road, and **HH Gregg**, 7601 Mall Road. Locally based retailers include **Willis Music Superstore**, 7567 Mall Road, which offers a recording studio and performance center as well as music lessons, instruments and supplies.

On nearby Houston Road, where you can find national retailers, including the only **Babies "R" Us** in Northern Kentucky, 4999 Houston Road. The area is also home to Northern Kentucky's only **Guitar Center**, 4999 Houston Road, which buys and sells musical gear. Also, **Sam's Club**, 4949 Houston Road; **Super Wal-Mart**, 7625 Doering Road; **Kohl's** department store, 61 Spiral Boulevard; **Meijer**, 4990 Houston Road, and **Home Depot**, 99 Spiral Boulevard. Farther north near Turfway Road, shoppers will find **Target**, 1100 Hansel Drive; **Lowe's Home Improvement**, 4800 Houston Road; and **Dick's Sporting Goods**, 1336 Hansel Ave.

Sprucing up Mall Road

The shopping landscape in Florence looks even greener as the city moves forward with pedestrian-friendly improvements to the Mall Road corridor, including sidewalks, landscaped medians, street trees, street lighting and other amenities. Designed in the 1970s, Mall Road had begun to show wear and tear in recent years from the 12 million cars that travel it annually; the pavement was failing and storm water wasn't draining properly.

In 2009, the city secured state funding of \$13 million for renovations to address these problems and to make the area more inviting and accessible to pedestrians. The city undertook a land-use study to help guide development over the next 20 years.

The first phase of the project, which included improvements between KY 18 and the ramp to Interstate 71/75, was completed at the end of 2010. The second and final phase of the improvements, from the interstate ramp to U.S. 42, will be completed in November 2011.

In Good Hands

City offers high-quality care for residents

The City of Florence has a Fire/EMS department filled with well-trained personnel and state-of-the-art equipment. The department provides BLS/ALS, emergency medical, fire and rescue services through 50 paid and 36 volunteer professionals that respond to approximately 6,000 runs annually. The excellent training of the staff, high-quality equipment and quick response times have contributed to an ISO rating of Class III, meaning lower fire insurance premiums for homeowners and businesses. City residents will find a nationally recognized hospital, many private medical care providers, as well as skilled care for seniors.



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Healthcare and Retirement



A computer rendering shows the complex of the recently completed Ethos at Main Street, which has a second phase of construction scheduled.

programs include community outings and transportation to local businesses. Pets are welcome.

Colonial Heights & Gardens, 6900 Hopeful Road, (859) 525-6900, is a luxury apartment community on a 17-acre campus, where housing options range from independent accommodations to a more secure environment for

those with mild-to-moderate memory impairment.

Ethos at Main Street recently opened its senior living campus, offering custom-designed accommodations from spacious two-bedroom, two-bath units to studios designed for those with memory impairment. Amenities include a garden courtyard with walking

paths, a hair salon, movie theater, fitness facility and housekeeping and laundry services. The second phase of construction will add freestanding, bungalow-style single-family homes behind the main building.

Florence Park Nursing & Rehab Center, 6975 Burlington Pike, (859) 525-0007, provides individualized plans for convalescent care, rehabilitation and extended care as well as short-term stays. The center was the first nursing facility in Northern Kentucky to set

aside an entire secure wing for residents with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

For end-of-life care, the **Hospice of the Bluegrass**, 7388 Turfway Road, (859) 441-6332, offers a spectrum of support — from palliative outpatient services to in-home medical assistance and bereavement counseling.

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Future Facility

In addition to options for assisted living and skilled care, Florence is building a new 8,700-square-foot senior citizens center, located at the site of the former city building, at 7431 U.S. 42. Kentucky awarded the city a \$500,000 Community Block Grant to partially fund construction, which could be complete by the end of 2011.

This multipurpose center will include a kitchen and service area equipped for serving meals, a wellness room and a computer room with laptops, wireless capability and more. The city has contracted with Senior Services of Northern Kentucky to manage the facility once open.



Senior Citizens Center renderings show the exterior (top) and interior of the facility, which should be completed by the end of 2011.

Get involved

If you are interested in serving the community as a volunteer firefighter or emergency medical technician, call **(859) 647-5660** or e-mail Fire/EMS Chief Marc Muench at **marc.muench@florence-ky.gov**.

Join the VIPS

The City of Florence's Volunteers in Policing Services assist the department and community in many ways, including helping with DARE graduations, fingerprinting job applicants, making public demonstrations on safety concerns, reporting suspicious activity, placing and monitoring speed sensors in areas where the city receives speeding complaints and delivering information packets to new Florence residents. For more information, call the Florence Police Department at **(859) 647-5420**.



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Gateway Community and Technical College includes the newly-opened Center for Advanced Manufacturing.

Educational opportunities flourish in the city, with excellent public and private schools serving area families, as well as high-quality options for day care and preschool.

The City of Florence offers easy access to major regional universities, including Thomas More College in Crestview Hills, and the University of Cincinnati and Xavier University, all within a 20-minute drive. Several flexible degree programs are offered within the city limits.

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Gateway Community and Technical College

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Established in 2010, the IWU Florence Education and Conference Center offers undergraduate and graduate programs in business, criminal justice, general studies, ministry and nursing that are uniquely designed for working adults.

600 Meijer Drive, Suite 200. (859) 372-8780

National College

The Florence campus of National College opened in 1978. Students learn about the

responsibilities of business life and how to adapt to the changing needs of their chosen fields.

7627 Ewing Blvd. (859) 525-6510

Northern Kentucky University

NKU serves 15,000 students with a faculty and staff of more than 2,000. This vibrant suburban campus offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs. In 2008, the university opened a \$37 million student union center, as well as The Bank of Kentucky Center, a 9,400-seat arena. Construction continues at this growing university.

Nunn Drive, Highland Heights.

(859) 572-5100

Southwestern College

Hands-on training by industry-experienced instructors offered in areas including criminal justice, health services, business and information technology.

8095 Connector Drive. (859) 282-2999

Strayer University

The Florence campus serves the Cincinnati Metropolitan Area with undergraduate and graduate programs in high-demand fields including accounting, business, health services administration, information systems and public administration.

7300 Turfway Road, Suite 250. (859) 692-2800

University of Phoenix

Classroom and online courses offered in business, communication, health services, technology and criminal justice.

500 Meijer Drive. (859) 212-2800

Public Schools

The Boone County School District

Home to 21 schools serving 18,500 students, the Boone County School District is the third largest in the Commonwealth and has received the highest test scores of any large district. The school system sets high expectations for academic success within a supportive atmosphere.

District Office: 8330 U.S. 42, (859) 283-1003.

The office of Boone County Adult Education offers services such as GED Preparation, basic tutoring and English as a Second Language. 99 Center St., Third Floor. (859) 282-4629

Private Schools

Heritage Academy

Students pre-K through 12th grade receive a Christian-based education.

7216 U.S. 42. (859) 525-0213

St. Henry District High School

This co-educational high school provides a college-preparatory program based on faith, scholarship, arts, athletics and leadership.

3755 Scheben Drive, Erlanger. (859) 525-0213

St. Paul Catholic School

The school promotes academic excellence and religious formation for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Access and training in technology is emphasized so that students become effective, independent learners.

7303 Dixie Highway. (859) 647-4070

Zion Christian Academy

This co-ed Christian school offers small, structured classes for students pre-K through eighth grade.

10310 Dixie Highway. (859) 371-9008.

Childcare Centers

Biederman Educational Centers

Biederman offers full- and part-time care for children beginning at 6 weeks old. Classrooms are divided into learning centers such as math, science and language, with activities based around different weekly themes.

8025 Dream St. (859) 371-9078

7220 Turfway Road. (859) 647-6800

The Goddard School

Goddard offers full-time programs for children from 6 weeks to 12 years old and full- and part-time programs for children 12 months to 6 years old, from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Before- and after-school enrichment programs are also available.

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8490 Old Toll Road at U.S. 42.
(859) 283-9166
7269 Burlington Pike (KY 18).
(859) 371-8990

Penguin Playschool

Penguin Playschool offers care for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
7109 Hopeful Church Road
(859) 746-2005



Florence has a wide range of convenient childcare options.

Skiddaddles

This "drop in anytime" center offers flexible care options for ages 1 to 12 years. A regular preschool option is also available. The center is open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
8660 Bankers St.
(859) 647-7529

Tot's University

This center has five different age-appropriate learning rooms for children 6 weeks to 9 years and a spacious outdoor play area.
8415 U.S. 42
(859) 647-4783

Zion Christian Academy

This Christian school offers full-time and part-time day care for children ages 3 and older as well as afterschool care.
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Great Ways to Get Fit

Golf, gyms, tennis lessons offer ways to stay active



World of Golf is under renovation, adding a new pro shop, concession area, indoor driving range and more.

Florence is home to a number of private gyms such as FitWorks, Curves, Ideal Fitness, Jeff Shuerman's Fitness Training and Urban Active.

The City of Florence offers golf programs at its **World of Golf** facility. For other fitness opportunities, check out tennis lessons at local parks and swim lessons at the **Florence Family Aquatic Center**, all detailed in the Parks section of this publication.



There are many gym options in Florence, including one of the region's Urban Active facilities.



World of Golf will include a new pro shop.

World of Golf

Renovations are underway at World of Golf, the city-owned golf course and driving range located at 7400 Woodspoint Drive.

Improvements include a new pro shop and clubhouse with a concession area, an indoor driving range and putting green, as well as video-instruction area and an upgraded outdoor driving range. The facility will also feature an 18-hole miniature golf course themed to Kentucky heritage and landmarks.

The project should be completed by the start of the golf season this year, and the course remains open for play throughout construction. Check www.florence-ky.gov for updates and hours of operation during construction.

Take in the Outdoors

City parks provide space to hike, bike and enjoy nature



The local skate park is free for biking, in-line skating, roller blading and skate boarding.

FLORENCE/BOONE COUNTY SKATE PARK

This 22,000-square-foot park is designed for in-line skates, roller blades and skateboards and has beginner, intermediate and advanced areas.

Features: Shelter, spectator area, emergency telephone and parking lot

Hours: Dawn to dusk

Price: Free

Safety information: Facility is not supervised. Skate at your own risk. Protective equipment is recommended.

Ewing Boulevard at KY Route 18. For information, call (859)-647-5439.

FLORENCE NATURE PARK

Nestled within the city limits, this park offers 15.64 acres for exploring nature, including 2,800 linear feet of paved walking trails. Children enjoy climbing on the large, granite animals donated by Florence Mall.

Features: The Evelyn M. Kalb gathering house, a 24' x 24' open-air gazebo, brick patio with grill, paved walking trails, restrooms and 80 parking spaces.

Gazebo information: The gazebo features a concrete floor, stone columns and cedar shake roof.

The scenic backdrop provides an ideal venue for weddings, graduations and other events. It's available with advance

reservation at no charge.

U.S. Highway 25 (Dixie Highway)
off Banklick Street

EVELYN KALB GATHERING HOUSE

Originally a private residence, the Evelyn M. Kalb Gathering House at Florence Nature Park is rented to the public for parties or special occasions. Rental fee is \$100 for meetings or parties and \$300 for weddings and receptions. There is a \$100 deposit (refundable after event provided there is no damage

to the facility). Tours of the facility are conducted by appointment only, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Features: Accessible restrooms and a kitchen for warming and serving

Capacity: 67 people, with seating for 28
Call (859) 647-5416 for rental information and reservations.

KY 18 TENNIS COURTS

These two city tennis courts are available for one hour for singles and two hours for doubles. Ample parking available.

Next to Boone County High School on KY Route 18 (Burlington Pike);
Call (859) 647-5439 for reservations.

LINCOLN WOODS PARK

This 15-acre park was developed in 1985 for active recreation.

Features: Two tennis courts, a color-coated asphalt basketball court, a rubber-surface playground with three pieces of play equipment plus swing sets, two clay infield ball fields, a picnic shelter, grills, restrooms, drinking

fountain, wooded area with dirt trails and ample parking.

On City Park Drive, with entrances on Rosetta and Surfwood drives. For shelter and ball field reservations, call Boone County Parks Department, (859) 334-2117. To schedule tennis courts, call Florence Parks and Recreation, (859) 647-5439. City-sponsored tennis clinics have priority use of the courts.

ORLEANS PARK

In 2002, Fischer Development donated 9.5 acres and the city purchased an adjoining 1.5 acres to create this 11-acre park for active recreation.

Features: Stocked lake for fishing, playground, bridge, shelter, basketball court, paved walking trail, bridge, tennis court, sand volleyball court, restroom, grill, drinking fountain, athletic field and sled hill.

Located in the Orleans North subdivision. Shelter rental \$25 non-refundable fee. Call (859)-647-5439 for reservations and information.

SOUTH FORK PARK

This 42-acre park developed from land donations from the Farmview Subdivision.

Features: Earthen sculpture play area, nautical-themed playground with two



South Fork Park features a nautical-themed playground, plus a bike path and grill for adults to enjoy.

Florence Parks & Facilities

	Acres	Baseball Fields	Basketball Courts	Bike Path	Cornhole	Drinking Fountain	Driving Range	Fishing Lake	Gazebo	Golf Course	Green Space	Grills	Miniature Golf	Picnic Tables	Playground	Restrooms	Shelter	Sledding Hill	Softball Fields	Swimming Pool	Tennis Courts	Sand Volleyball	Walking Path
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Florence Nature Park 73 Nature Park Drive	16					●			●		●	●		●		●							●
KY 18 Tennis Courts (next to Boone Co. High School)	.76																					●	
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Orleans Park 8469 St. Louis Blvd.	11		●	●		●		●			●	●		●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●
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Stringtown Park 7340 Burlington Pike	8		●	●	●	●					●	●		●	●	●	●					●	●
Walnut Creek Park Walnut Creek Drive	2.5	●									●												●
World of Sports 7400 Woodspoint Drive	62			●		●	●			●			●	●		●							●

age-appropriate play structures, swing set, sand volleyball court, basketball court, pedestrian bridge, 2,720 linear feet of bike path, natural wooded and meadow areas, shelter, grill, drinking fountain and parking lot.

South Fork Park Drive. Shelter rental \$25 non-refundable fee. Call (859)-647-5439 for shelter reservations or information.

STRINGTOWN PARK

The city created this newest neighborhood park on eight acres purchased in 2001 from the estate of Isabella Schmidt.

Features: Two play structures, a climbing apparatus, swing set, basketball court, sand volleyball court, corn hole sets (bring your own bags), shelter, grill, seat wall, paved walking trail, benches, restroom, drinking fountains, open green space and parking lot.

Located on KY 18 between Kathryn and Wallace avenues. Shelter rental \$25 non-refundable fee. Call (859)-647-5439 for reservations or information.

WALNUT CREEK PARK

This minimally developed 2.5-acre park is located on a former landfill in the Walnut Creek Subdivision. There are no parking facilities.

Features: One ball field and open play area.

Located on Cedar Wood Circle on a concrete path via an easement.

NIBLACK MEMORIAL PARK

This future 4.5-acre neighborhood park will be located on the former site of the old city building. It will feature the Florence Senior Citizen Building with a playground area.

Take U.S. 42 to Niblack Memorial Drive, next to the Boone County Public Library.



KY 18 Tennis Courts are a convenient and inexpensive tennis option at no charge, with courts next to Boone County High School.

Unwind at the Aquatic Center

Sure, you can swim at the Florence Family Aquatic Center, which features a zero-depth pool and a 25-meter competition pool. But you can also splash in two sprayground areas, zip down spiral and speed slides or just relax with an inner tube on the lazy river. The 4-acre complex provides plenty of water fun.

Soak up some rays on the sunbathing deck or escape to the shade under one of the giant funbrellas. The facility also includes family restrooms and lockers to rent. Swim lessons are available for an additional fee.

Special Programs

Programs feature music, games and entertainment.

- Opening Day, Saturday, May 28
- Memorial Day, Monday, May 30
- Independence Day, Monday, July 4
- End of Season Splash, Sunday, Aug. 21

Pool Closures

The facility will be closed to the public on Wednesday, July 27 and Thursday, July 28 to host the NKSL Championship Swim Meet. It will reopen on Friday, July 29.

Shelter Reservations

\$15 for a two-hour rental or \$25 for a four-hour rental. Call (859) 647-4619 for more information.

All food and drinks must be purchased from the concession stand but may be

eaten in the shelter area. Birthday cakes are permitted. Please remember: No coolers allowed and no refunds of any kind.

Parties

Call (859) 647-4620 for menu items and prices. Party packages are available from concessions.

Summer Youth Programs

Day camps, church camps or athletic camps. Child \$5, adult \$7, no minimum required. Must be purchased in advance. Please send a request on letterhead including the number in your group and the day(s) you wish to attend. **No credits or refunds provided.**

Other Groups

Other Groups: minimum of 20 purchased in advance - Child \$5 - Adult \$7. No credits or refunds provided.

Gift Cards

Gift cards are available in amounts of \$25 and can be used for admission, rentals and programs fees.

Learn to Swim

Lessons are available in two-week, half-hour sessions Monday-Thursday.

Day classes: 9 a.m., 9:35 a.m., 10:10 a.m.

Evening classes: 7:10 p.m., 7:45 p.m.

Session 1: June 6-June 16

Session 2: June 20-June 30

Aquatic Center Quick Facts

Opens: Saturday, May 28

Closes: Sunday, August 21

Hours of Operation: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. daily

Session 3: July 11-July 21

Session 4: July 25-August 4

Fee: \$40 for Aquatic Center members; \$60 for non-members.

Swim Team

The Florence Hammerheads compete in the Northern Kentucky Swim League (NKSL) as swimmers and divers.

The program is open to youth up to age 18 who are residents of Northern Kentucky, members of the Florence Aquatic Center and able to swim the length of the 25-meter pool.

A birth certificate must accompany each registration form. The season includes a total of six meets, culminating in All-Star and Championship meets. The Parent Board needs volunteers to work the meets and support the program. Call (859) 647-4619 for details.

Fee: \$50, \$45 for second child in same family, \$40 for third child in same family.

Swim practice: 7:30-9:30 a.m., Monday-Thursday.

Swim meets: Thursdays

Diving practice: 9:30-10:50 a.m.; Monday-Thursday.

Dive meets: Tuesdays

The competition/lap pool will be closed to the public at 4:30 p.m. for all home and dive meets, TBA.

Admission

Guests can purchase a season membership (available until July 31) or pay a daily rate. Gift cards, available in \$25 increments, may be used toward admissions, programs or shelter or locker rentals. **A 10 percent discount on season memberships is available until April 30!**

Membership Rates

	City of Florence Residents	Non-Residents	City of Florence Business
Family	\$225	\$375	\$300
Single Family	\$175	\$325	\$250
Single	\$125	\$200	\$165
Junior (ages 13 to 18)	\$100	\$175	N/A
Senior	\$75	\$110	N/A

Daily Admission

Adult	\$6	\$9	\$6
Senior Citizens	\$4	\$6	\$4
Military	\$5	\$5	N/A
Child (3-12 years)	\$4	\$6	\$4
Children (under age 2)	Free	Free	Free

Additional Rates: Groups (minimum 20 people): Child \$5, Adult \$7. Must be purchased in advance. No credits or refunds.



Kids enjoy one of the features of the Aquatic Center

Explore Your Community

Local programs offer outlets for fun, fitness and education

Community Groups

Florence Community Band

Amateur musicians of all ages come together in this city-sponsored band to perform tunes ranging from patriotic to big band and jazz at community programs throughout Northern Kentucky.

Rehearsals are Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at the Florence Government Center. For information, call Terri Hartley, band secretary at (859) 356-3925 or e-mail president@florencecommunityband.org.

Florence Community Chorus

This four-part men and women's choral group, also sponsored by the city, sings a variety of music throughout the community. New members are welcome.

Rehearsals are Thursdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Florence Government Center. For more information contact President Gayle Spjut at (859) 657-6541 or e-mail gspjut@insightbb.com.

Educational Programs

CPR Classes

The Florence Fire/EMS Department is offering CPR classes to citizens.

Tentative dates for the classes are the following Saturdays: Jan. 22, April 23, July 16 and Oct. 15. Classes will be held at the Weaver Road Station from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call (859) 647-5660 for more details, fees and registration information.

Child Car Seat Safety Checks

The Florence Fire/EMS Department offers child car seat safety checks for residents of the city and Florence Fire District.

Checks are done by appointment only. Call (859) 647-5660 to schedule or for more information.



The Florence Community Band plays concerts throughout the year, featuring an array of music that includes patriotic tunes, big band and jazz.

Citizens Police Academy

The Florence Police Department will hold its annual Citizens Police Academy for participants to learn firsthand from police officers and guest speakers about traffic violations, building searches, interviewing suspects and many other topics.

The eight-week course meets each Wednesday, 6:30-9 p.m. beginning March 2 at the Florence Government Center, culminating in a graduation ceremony April 20. For additional information call (859) 647-5420.

Neighborhood Night Out

This program gives residents a chance to meet city officials, who will provide refreshments, displays and information on current projects occurring in the city. The event will be held from 5-7 p.m. on selected nights throughout the summer.

June 21 at North Dilcrest Avenue Cul-de-Sac;

July 12 at Stringtown Park and Aug. 2 "National Night Out" at South Fork Park. For details call (859) 647-8177.

Fitness Programs

Tennis Clinics

Learn basic tennis skills or improve your game with the help of a certified USPTA instructor.

Quick Start, ages 4-6; one-hour sessions on Saturdays. Juniors, ages 7-15, and adults, ages 16 and older; one-hour sessions two days a week or Saturdays for one and a half hours.

• **Spring Session for Juniors:** April 11-May 22 (six weeks); Weekdays, \$120; Saturdays, \$90; Quick Start Saturdays, \$60.

• **Spring Session for Adults:** April 11-May 29 (seven weeks); All clinics, \$105.

- **Summer Session 1:** June 6-July 9 (five weeks); Quick Start, \$50; Juniors on weekdays, \$100; Juniors on Saturdays, \$75; Adults, all clinics, \$75.
- **Summer Session 2:** July 11-Aug. 12 (five weeks); Quick Start, \$50; Juniors on weekdays, \$100; Juniors on Saturdays, \$75.
- **Summer Session 2 for Adults:** July 11-Aug. 18 (six weeks); All clinics, \$90.
- **Fall Session:** Aug. 29-Oct. 16 (seven weeks); Quick Start, \$70; Juniors on weekdays, \$140; Juniors on Saturdays and Sundays, \$105; Adults, all clinics, \$105.

Registration forms will be sent through the schools, and copies will be available in the lobby of the Florence Government Center and at www.florence-ky.gov. Register for clinics directly through tennis professional Tim Mitchell, (513) 328-8811.



Safe Sitter Babysitting Class teaches the essentials of caring for children.



CSI Camp teaches the science behind the TV crime scenes.

Just for Kids and Teens

Safe Sitter Babysitting Class

This six-hour class for youths ages 11-15 teaches fundamental topics such as infant rescue breathing and choking, childcare essentials, behavior management and babysitting as a business. Students receive a course completion card, Safe Sitter bag, flashlight, note pad and bandage dispenser and snacks. **Students will not become certified in first aid or CPR after completing this course.**

Saturdays, May 7, Sept. 17 and Nov. 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Evelyn Kalb Gathering House at the Florence Nature Park. Fee is \$40. Students must bring a sack lunch and drink. Class size is limited to 14. Call (859) 647-5439 for details. Download the registration form at www.florence-ky.gov.

Red Cross Classes

On Our Own

This "latch-key" program teaches children ages 7-12 simple rules and safety procedures to be followed when they are home alone.

Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 6-8 p.m. at the Weaver Road Station. Deadline for registration is Friday, Feb. 18. Call (859) 647-5660 for information, fees and registration.

First-Aid Training For Little People

Children ages 4-8 learn how to make a first-aid kit and respond to emergencies such as shock, bleeding, fire, choking and poisonings.

Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 6-8 p.m. at the Weaver Road Station. Deadline for registration is Friday, Feb. 18. Call (859) 647-5660 for information, fees and registration.

Basic First-Aid Training

This six-hour course for children ages 8-12 teaches first aid, health and safety, including rescue breathing, choking, shock, bleeding, poisonings, fire safety and more. Class is taught over two sessions. Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 24, and Thursday, March 31, 5:30-8 p.m. at the Weaver Road Station. Registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 18. Call (859) 647-5660 for information, fees and registration.

Youth in Government Program

The City of Florence, in cooperation with Boone County Public Schools, hosts its annual Youth in Government Program each spring. This program provides an opportunity for selected elementary and middle school students to learn about the role local government plays in their community. City departments will provide presentations of their role in the local government process, and students learn the legislative duties of the mayor and city council.

March 15-17 at the Florence Government Center. Youth in Government Night, held March 15, 6-7 p.m. in the Community Rooms, is open to all ages to learn the role of local government. The event continues at the Florence City Council meeting at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers. The business meeting is televised, and Mayor Diane E. Whalen recognizes those in attendance. Call (859) 647-8177 for information.

CSI Camp

This popular camp for ages 12-14 features hands-on training in the art of crime scene analysis and collection. Interested students must submit a letter of interest accompanied with a recommendation from a teacher.

June 13-17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Evelyn Kalb Gathering House at the Florence Nature Park. Class size is limited to 20. Call the Florence Police Department at (859) 647-5420 for details.

Skyhawks Sport Camps

Skyhawks Inc. conducts one-week instructional camps for ages 3-12 in June and July.

June 13-17

Ages 3-4, Tiny Hawks, soccer and basketball camp, 9-10 a.m., fee \$45

Ages 4-8, Mini-Hawks, soccer, baseball and basketball camp, 9 a.m.-noon, fee \$89

July 11-15

Ages 6-12, soccer, baseball, volleyball and flag football camp 9 a.m.-3 p.m., fee \$120

July 25-29

Ages 4-8, Mini-Hawks T-ball camp 9 a.m.-noon, fee \$89

Ages 6-12, soccer camp, 1-4 p.m., fee \$89

All camps held at Orleans Park. Contact Skyhawks for details at www.skyhawks.com. Registration forms are available in the lobby of the Florence Government Center.

Dates to Remember

Don't miss these local events and festivities

JANUARY

- 1 Government Center closed in Observance of New Year's Day
- 5 Christmas Tree Curbside Pickup
- 8 Christmas Tree Recycling

17 **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Program:** Florence celebrates the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and acknowledges his accomplishments as a civil rights leader and social activist with a program and the freedom march around the campus at 3 p.m. Visit the display set up in the lobby of the Florence Government Center throughout the day. Call (859) 647-5439 for more information.

FEBRUARY

- 1 After School Junior/High/Pee Wee Instruction at World of Golf

21 **President's Day Display:** Stop by the Florence Government Center to view the display of U.S. presidents, vice presidents and first ladies. Answer trivia questions 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

MARCH

- 1 Student Ambassador Applications Accepted
- 1 Get Golf Ready/Advanced Junior Clinics at World of Golf
- 2 Citizens Police Academy, See page 25
- 5 Advanced Junior Golf instruction at World of Golf
- 12 Golf Driving Clinic at World of Golf
- 13 Daylight Saving Time Begins (Turn clocks forward)
- 15-17 Youth in Government Program: See page 26

APRIL

- 1 Junior, Lady and Senior Golf Days at World of Golf
- 4 Florence Resident Appreciation Night at World of Golf
- 5 Get Golf Ready Clinics at World of Golf
- 9 Family Nights at World of Golf
- 9 Short Golf Game Clinic at World of Golf
- 11 Spring Tennis Clinics: See page 25
- 12 Spring Break Junior Golf Camp Driving Clinic at World of Golf

23 **Easter Egg Hunt:** Sponsored by the Florence Police Department in conjunction with Florence Freedom. The hunt is conducted by age groups, for toddlers through age 10. The event begins at 11 a.m. at Champion Window Field (home of Florence Freedom). Photos with costumed characters will be available until the egg hunt begins at noon. Call (859) 657-5420 for information.



Kids can enjoy an Easter egg hunt at the Florence Freedom's Champion Window Field, sponsored by the Florence Police Department.

Calendar of Events



Florence celebrates American servicemen and women at the annual Memorial Day Parade, ending at the Boone County Veterans Memorial.

- 23 Great American Clean Up
- 23 Beach Bunker Clinic at World of Golf
- 25 Spring Clean Up Week:
See page 30
- 25 Spring After School Youth Golf Leagues at World of Golf

MAY

- 3 Get Golf Ready Clinics at World of Golf
- 4 Ladies Instructional Golf League at World of Golf
- 7 Safe Sitter Class: See page 26
- 7 Two Ladies Social Golf Mixer at World of Golf
- 13 Couples Golf Scramble at World of Golf

14 Arbor Day Celebration: The program will include a brief history of Arbor Day and reading of the city's Arbor Day Proclamation, followed by tree planting activities. The event is held 10 a.m.-noon at the Florence Nature Park and is open to the public. For details, contact the Public Services Department at (859) 647-5416. The National Arbor Day Foundation has named Florence a "Tree City USA" for 18 consecutive years.

- 14 Junior Golf Tournaments at World of Golf
- 14 Short Golf Game Clinic at World of Golf

- 21 Florence Freedom Season Begins
- 28 Florence Family Aquatic Center Opens
- 28 NKY Parent/Child Golf Tournament at World of Golf
- 28 Beach Bunker Clinic at World of Golf

30 Memorial Day Parade and Program: Florence memorializes and celebrates American service personnel. The parade begins at 10 a.m. at Boone County High School and ends at the Boone County Veterans Memorial (located on the campus of the Florence Government Center), where a memorial service begins at 11 a.m. Parade registration forms are available at the Florence Government Center or at www.florence-ky.gov. For more information call (859) 647-5439.

- 30 Government Center Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
- 30 Memorial Day Golf Scramble at World of Golf

JUNE

- 4 Two Ladies Social Golf Mixer at World of Golf
- 6 Summer Tennis Clinics No. 1
- 6 Swim Lessons Session No. 1
- 6 Summer Youth Golf Camps at World of Golf

- 7 Get Golf Ready Clinics at World of Golf
- 8 High School Golf Camp at World of Golf

10 Movie in the Park: Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to South Fork Park for an evening at the movies. It is a great way for families to enjoy the park, experience nature and view a great movie. The movie begins at 9 p.m. and concessions are sold. Call Florence Parks and Recreation at (859) 647-5439 for details.

- 10 Couples Golf Scramble at World of Golf
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- 13 Skyhawks Camp at Orleans Park: See page 26
- 13 CSI Camp: See page 26
- 15 Ladies Instructional Golf League at World of Golf
- 18 Junior Golf Tournament at World of Golf
- 18 Golf Driving Clinic at World of Golf
- 20 Swim Lessons Session No. 2
- 21 Neighborhood Night Out at N. Dilcrest
- 25 NKY Parent/Child Golf Tournament at World of Golf
- 25 Beach Bunker Clinic at World of Golf

JULY

- 2 Two Ladies Social Golf Mixer at World of Golf

3 Independence Day Celebration: Join us at the Florence Government Center to celebrate with rides, food, a kids' zone, a cruise-in, demonstrations, musical entertainment and fireworks. Events begin at 4 p.m. with fireworks at 10 p.m. For information on food booth rentals or sponsorship opportunities call (859) 647-5439. Forms are available at www.florence-ky.gov. Rain date July 4 at 7 p.m.

- 4 Government Center Closed in Observance of Independence Day
- 4 Fourth of July Golf Scramble at World of Golf
- 8 Couples Golf Scramble at World of Golf
- 9 Short Golf Game Clinic at World of Golf

- 11 Summer Tennis Clinics No. 2
- 11 Skyhawks Camp
- 11 Swim Lessons Session No. 3
- 12 Neighborhood Night Out at Stringtown Park: See page 25
- 12 Get Golf Ready Clinics at World of Golf
- 15 Pee Wee Golf Tournament at World of Golf
- 16 Junior Golf Tournament at World of Golf
- 23 Beach Bunker Clinic at World of Golf
- 25 Swim Lessons Session No. 4
- 25 Skyhawks Camp
- 27 (&28) Family Aquatic Center Closed to Host NKSL Championship
- 30 NKY Parent/Child Golf Tournament at World of Golf

AUGUST

- 2 National Neighborhood Night Out at South Fork Park: See page 25
- 2 Get Golf Ready Clinics at World of Golf
- 3 Ladies Instructional Golf League at World of Golf
- 6 Two Ladies Social Golf Mixer at World of Golf
- 6 World of Golf City of Florence Championship
- 12 Couples Golf Scramble at World of Golf
- 13 NKY Parent/Child Golf Tournament at World of Golf
- 13 Short Golf Game Clinic at World of Golf
- 20 Junior Golf Tournaments at World of Golf
- 20 Golf Driving Clinic at World of Golf
- 21 Florence Family Aquatic Center Closed
- 27 Beach Bunker Clinic at World of Golf
- 29 Fall Tennis Clinics

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Patriot Golf Weekend at World of Golf
- 3 Two Ladies Social Golf Mixer at World of Golf

- 5 Labor Day Golf Scramble at World of Golf
- 5 Government Center Closed in Observance of Labor Day
- 5 Fall Youth Golf Leagues at World of Golf
- 9 Couples Golf Scramble at World of Golf
- 10 Short Golf Game Clinic at World of Golf
- 13 Get Golf Ready Clinics at World of Golf
- 14 Ladies Instructional Golf League at World of Golf
- 17 Wal-Mart Safety Fair at Wal-Mart (7625 Doering Drive)
- 17 Safe Sitter Class: See page 26
- 17 Junior Golf Tournament at World of Golf
- 24 Beach Bunker Clinic at World of Golf

OCTOBER

- 1 Annual Fall Golf Classic at World of Golf
- 4 Get Golf Ready Clinics at World of Golf
- 8 Grade and Middle School Team Championship at World of Golf
- 15 Golf Driving Clinic at World of Golf
- 17 Fall Clean Up: See page 30
- 25 Halloween Night Out:** Bring the children to the Florence Government Center for an evening of tricks and treats with city staff and local businesses and organizations from 5-7 p.m. Toddlers and children up to age 12



Kids can enjoy can enjoy treats, games and many other types of festivities at the city's Halloween Night Out.

can enjoy treats, games, mascots, spooky stations, a magician, a storyteller and a hayride. For sponsorship opportunities or to register as a "spooky station," call (859) 647-5439 or download a form at www.florence-ky.gov.

NOVEMBER

- 6 Daylight Saving Time Ends (Turn clocks back)
- 11 Veterans Day Program:** Join the city to honor veterans in a ceremony at 6 p.m. at the Florence Government Center. Call (859) 647-5439 for more information.
- 12 Safe Sitter Class: See page 26
- 24 Government Center Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 6 Community Christmas Tree Lighting Program:** Enjoy holiday tunes with the Florence Community Band and Chorus, sleigh rides, visits with Santa Claus, face painting and refreshments. The Christmas tree will be lit at 6 p.m. at the Florence Government Center. The free program will be held in a tent, rain or shine. Call (859) 647-5439 for details.
- 23 Government Center Closed in Observance of Christmas Eve
- 26 Government Center Closed in Observance of Christmas
- 27 Holiday Junior Golf Camp at World of Golf

Business Directory

AUTOMOBILES

Tom Gill Chevrolet
7830 Commerce Drive
Florence, KY 41042
(859) 371-7566

BANKING

Bank of Kentucky
U.S. 42 Branch
8660 Haines Drive
Florence, KY 41042
(859) 384-5500

First Financial Bank
7690 Mall Road
Florence, KY 41042
(859) 372-6240

First Security Trust Bank
7135 Houston Road
Florence, KY 41042
(859) 746-9000

Park National Bank
600 Meijer Dr #303
Florence, KY 41042
(859) 647-2722

EDUCATION

Beckfield College
16 Spiral Drive
Florence, KY 41042
(859) 371-9393

Gateway Community and Technical College
500 Technology Way
Florence, KY 41042
(859) 441-4500

Indiana Wesleyan University
Florence Education and Conference Center
600 Meijer Drive, Suite 200
Florence, KY 41042
(859) 372-8788

St. Henry District High School
3755 Scheben Drive
Erlanger, KY 41018
(859) 525-0255

Strayer University
Florence campus
7300 Turfway Road, Suite 250
Florence, KY 41042
(859) 692-2800

ENTERTAINMENT

Florence Freedom
7950 Freedom Way
Florence, KY 41042
(859) 594-4487

HEALTH CARE

Hospice of the Bluegrass
7388 Turfway Road
Florence, KY 41042
(859) 441-6332
(800) 200-5408

Metzger Eye Care
6901 Dixie Highway
Florence, KY 41042
(859) 525-1800

St. Elizabeth Florence
4900 Houston Road
Florence, KY 41042
(859) 212-5200

SENIOR LIVING

Colonial Heights and Gardens
6900 Hopeful Road
Florence, Kentucky 41042
(859) 525-6900

Emeritus Senior Living
2950 Turkeyfoot Road
Edgewood, KY 41017
(859) 426-1888

Ethos Senior Living
212 Main St.
Florence, KY 41042
(859) 980-7200

OTHER

Emergency Systems
8199 Dream St.
Florence, KY 41042
(859) 525-8272

Massage Envy
4960 Houston Road
Florence, KY 41042
(859) 647-1777

Apply to be a 2011 Youth Ambassador

Six city youths will be selected to represent the city and the community at various Northern Kentucky events. Ambassadors will gain experience and confidence through community service, public speaking and exposure to community organizations. One male and one female student will be selected from grades 10-12 for Senior Ambassadors, grades eight and nine for Junior Ambassadors, and grades six and seven for Youth Ambassadors. Ambassadors serve one-year terms but may reapply. Two \$500 scholarships are awarded to Senior Ambassadors. Application packets will be distributed in Florence schools and will be available in the Florence Government Center lobby or at www.florence-ky.gov in March. Applications with letters of recommendation and essays will be reviewed by judges.

Environmental Programs

Recycling and Leaf Collection

Christmas Tree Pickup and Recycling

Wondering what to do with your tree after the holidays? Set it out on the curb for pickup. If you miss that day, bring your tree to the former city building site (on U.S. 42 next to Florence Nursery) for mulching. Mulch is available to residents that day at no charge.

*Curbside pickup: Wednesday, Jan. 5
Recycling: Saturday, Jan. 8 before 10 a.m.*

Spring and Fall Cleanup

During cleanup weeks, Florence residents may bring their unwanted trash and debris for disposal to the Public Services Maintenance Facility located at 7850 Tanners Lane.

Debris that will not be accepted includes tires, paint (in liquid form), batteries, antifreeze, oil, insecticides, pesticides and fungicides.

*Spring Cleanup Program: April 25-May 1.
Fall Cleanup Program: Oct. 17-23.*

Facility hours: 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Friday; 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday and

Sunday. Proof of residency required. Call (859) 647-5416 for details.

Great American Cleanup

Join this national program and volunteer to clean up litter along designated roadsides and parks within Florence. Participants receive a T-shirt and lunch. *Saturday, April 23, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Call (859) 647-5416 for details.*

Annual Leaf Collection

The Florence Public Services Department performs its annual Leaf Collection Program from mid-October to mid-December for city residents. Leaves are treated and used as compost or fertilizer.

Guidelines for collection:

Rake leaves in a row behind the curb. Do not rake into the street. Leaves need to be raked to the curb by 7 a.m. the morning of the scheduled pickup.

Pickup is on residential streets only. No state routes or commercial streets. Keep all debris and trash out of the

leaf row. This includes tree branches.

All leaves will be composted. To receive one or more loads call (859) 647-5416.

Homeowners may also bag leaves for pickup by Rumpke.

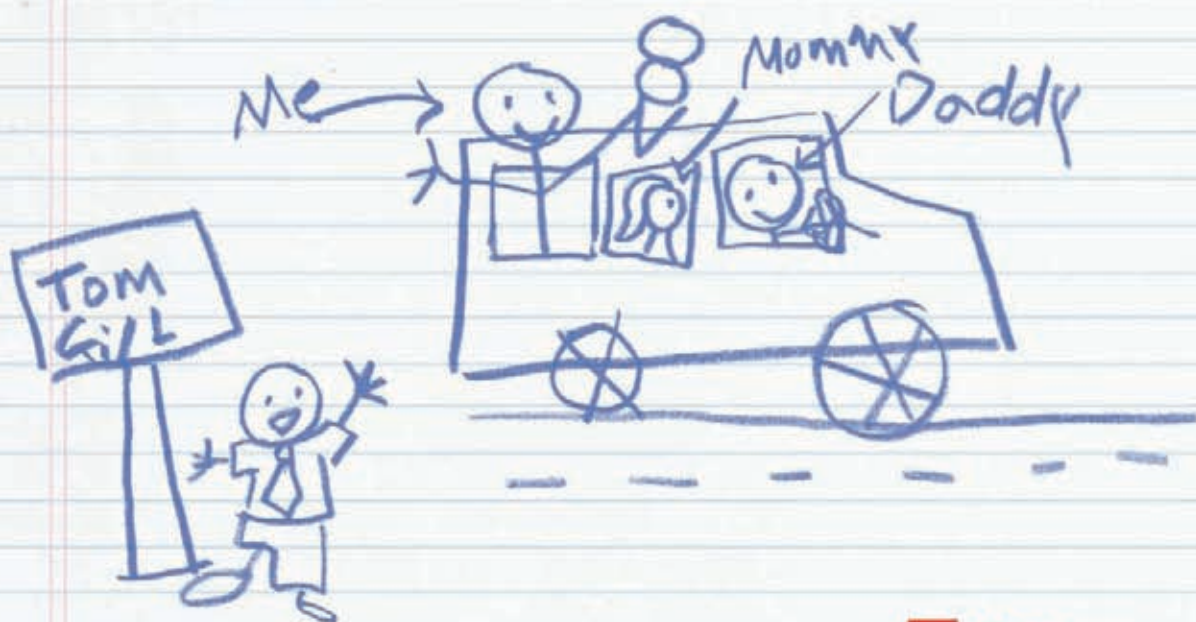
A sign will be placed at the subdivision/street entrances the day prior to leaf collection.

The schedule is based upon weather and equipment operation.

A letter from one
of our fans.

- Tom Gill

My Favorite Experience.
Mom and Dad took me to
Tom Gill. They were so
nice. I had pizza and
played. Dad says he got
a great deal. Mom loves
the honesty and respect
we got. We were all so happy.
Thank you Tom Gill.



The Bank of Kentucky Growing in Florence!

We are pleased to be a part of the Florence community. Our commitment is to offer high-quality products and services as well as the convenience of being part of Northern Kentucky's largest community bank. All new and current customers will have quick and easy access to 31 branches; five of which are open seven days a week, and 47 ATM locations. We are truly excited to welcome you and your family to The Bank of Kentucky and look forward to growing with the Florence community!

The Bank of Kentucky is proud to be the Official Bank of the Florence Freedom Minor League Baseball Team.



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